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FROM WACASC DEPT FOR AF/EX

E. O. 11652: NA TAGS: OCLR

SUBJ: SUPPORT FLIGHT

REF: LAGOS 2416

1. PARA 1, REFTEL EXPLAINED DIFFICULTIES NOW BEING EXPERIENCED BY WACASC CONCERNING CHARTER AIRCRAFT SUPPORT FLIGHTS TO SERVICED POSTS, I.E., 48-HOUR TIME FRAME TO OBTAIN FLIGHT CLEARANCES, LENGTHY ON-SITE CUSTOMS INSPECTION AND AIRPORT CURFES OF 1830 TO 0600 HOURS LOCAL TIME. IN GENERAL THIS IS RESULT TIGHTENING OF SECURITY AT LAGOS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHICH HAMPERED, TO A GREAT DEGREE, OUR EFFORTS OVER PAST WEEK TO HOLD TO SCHEDULE OF FLIGHT AND UNFORTUNATELY LAST MINUTE CANCELLA-UNCLASSIFIED

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TION OF SEVERAL SUPPORT FLIGHTS.

- 2. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO HOLD TO SCHEDULE CITED REFTEL FOR ABOVE HAS SPAWNED INORDINATE WORKLOAD AT WACASC AND CREATED LOGJAM OF CARGO AND COMMISSARY ITEMS WHICH IS HAMPERING OUR OPERATION. BY SAME TOKEN WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONSIDERATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF SERVICED POSTS IF FLIGHT SCHEDULE ALTERED, FLIGHTS DELAYED AND, IF NECESSARY, CANCELLED FOR SOME POSTS.
- 3. OF NECESSITY WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FILL AND MANIFEST ANY LAST MINUTE ORDER FOR SUPPLIES AND OR COMMISSARY ITEMS. NOR WILL WE BE ABLE TO CHANGE FLIGHT MANIFEST AFTER CUSTOMS CLEARANCE. POST ARE THEREFORE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE ALL ORDERS SUBMITTED TO WACASC WELL IN ADVANCE OF THEIR SCHEDULED SUPPORT FLIGHT AND CERTAINLY NO LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO SUPPORT FLIGHT DATE.

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